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U.S. Serial Number

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Japanese Patent No. 61-94639 appears to disclose a head mounting device.

Japanese Patent No. 62-327 appears to disclose scans of a head.

Japanese Patent No. 63-240851 appears to disclose a head holding device.

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Respectfully submitted,

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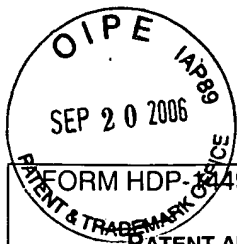
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2.		3,614,950	10/1971	Rabey		
3.		3,644,825	02/1972	Davis, Jr. et al.		
4.		3,821,469	06/1974	Whetstone et al.		
5.		3,983,474	09/1976	Kuipers		
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12.		4,328,548	05/1982	Crow et al.		
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30.		4,737,032	04/1988	Addleman et al.		
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34.		4,745,290	05/1988	Frankel et al.		
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36.		4,761,072	08/1988	Pryor		
37.		4,764,016	08/1988	Johansson		
38.		4,779,212	10/1988	Levy		
39.		4,782,239	11/1988	Hirose et al.		
40.		4,788,481	11/1988	Niwa		
41.		4,794,262	12/1988	Sato et al.		
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3.		EP 0 119 660	09/1984	Europe			
4.		EP 0 427 358	10/1990	Europe			
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